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Unsafe Palace Balcony

London, Aug. 21.—The balcony at Buckingham Palace from which the Royal Family is wont to acknowledge the homage of loyal crowds has been found to be unsafe and liable to collapse at any time, it was revealed today.

Engineers from the Ministry of Works who investigated the balcony believe it may have been weakened by a bomb which fell in front of the Palace during the war. It has been cordoned off to make sure nobody uses it.—Reuter.

3-POWER PARLEYS

London, Aug. 21.—A Foreign Office spokesman said tonight that Britain would reject Russia's eleventh-hour protest against the Anglo-US-French conference, which is opening tomorrow, on a new level for German industry.

The Soviet Embassy delivered Russia's note to the Foreign Office yesterday. It protested against the holding of three-power talks on what Russia maintained was a quadripartite matter.

The Foreign Office said Britain would reply that the matter concerned only the level of German industry in the Anglo-American Zones of Germany. It said the conference was being held at France's request, so that she could air her views.

The Soviet Foreign Minister, Mr. Vyacheslav Molotov, said at the Moscow Big Four conference earlier this year that he believed the limit of German steel production should be raised from the provisional level of 5,800,000 tons to between ten million and 12 million, but he attached so many political conditions to his proposal that no four-power agreement could be reached.

Faced with a four-power stalemate, Britain and the United States went ahead on a bilateral basis. Lt. Gen. Lucius Clay, American commander, and Lt. Gen. Sir Brian Robertson, British deputy commander, subsequently agreed in principle that the level for the Anglo-American Zones—in which some 80 per cent of the German steel industry is situated—should be raised to between 10 million and 12 million tons.

France, however, expressed concern over the figure and asked for an opportunity to express her views. It was understood France believed the figure should not be above 7,500,000 tons.

The conference opening tomorrow was expected to express the views of all three nations and attempt to reach some agreement which could be referred to the three governments for approval.—United Press.

EDITORIAL

Underpaid Teachers

THE concern which the Director of Education has expressed regarding the shortage of teachers in Hongkong will be shared by a large number of parents anxious for their children to receive a modern education under reasonable conditions. Mr. Rowell advanced no special reason for this dearth of trained personnel, but it is not hard to find. It centres around that well-known circumstance which always rears its ugly head where the subject of local Government employment is concerned—salary. To become a Government schoolteacher in Hongkong, certain qualifications are necessary. To obtain them demands several years of study, culminating with two years at the Northcote Training College. By the time the average man reaches Northcote he is in his twenties and probably married; may even have a family. His indecent to spend two years at the training college is free tuition and a subsistence allowance which, day amounts to about \$100 a month. The most frugal person would find it difficult to live on this income at current cost of living. And what temptation does Government offer him after

Britain's Leaders Face Toughest Job

BATTLE ORDERS ISSUED

London, Aug. 21.—Britain's leaders today received their battle orders for the toughest fight they have ever had to face—to step up output by £400,000,000 within four years in order to relieve the crushing burden of food purchases abroad which represent more than half the country's dollar imports.

Launching the new programme today, Mr. Tom Williams, Minister of Agriculture, said that it involved "an immense effort greatly surpassing the highest known output of agriculture industry hitherto."

Failure to achieve the target, he told a private meeting of the National Farmers' Union and later a press conference in London today, would mean undernourishment or widespread unemployment or both, for the British people.

The new rate of output would be 16 per cent above the highest peak reached during the war years when the country depended solely on her own produce and supplies which ran the gamut of the U-boat blockade. "Even so, it is hoped that these figures will be exceeded," he declared. Emphasis has been deliberately placed on dollar-saving products. Particularly important are pigments, beef, mutton, cereals and linseed.

"The Government's programme is essentially one of reviving and expanding production of meat and eggs, restoring part of wartime expansion of wheat and barley and, adding to the crop area, no less than 40,000 acres of linseed."

One-half of the expansion should arise from higher efficiency and one-half from additions to the resources of industry, he said. By next year, the wheat acreage would be increased by about 500,000 acres. The number of pigs would be trebled by 1,951-52.

That Mr. Williams told the farmers, programme would be achieved by giving them "an absolutely assured market" rising prices and giving subsidies and grants recruiting from labour and giving agriculture a large number of other delayed assistance.

"Even with this new programme, we shall still have to import very great quantities of food," he declared.

"No situation during the war was more serious than that confronting the nation at present," the Minister said.—Reuter.

NEW BALANCE SHEET

London, Aug. 21.—The British Government, it was learned today, intends to lose no time in opening discussions with other countries in Eastern Hemisphere for new trading and currency arrangements following the suspension of convertibility of sterling into dollars.

As an immediate result of the British Treasury's action, Britain must

now draw up a fresh balance sheet of its essential requirements in goods and its capacity to supply other nations which will be left in possession of inconvertible sterling. The technical services of the Treasury and the Board of Trade are already engaged on this task. Action regarding the decision of the full British Cabinet is likely to be called for at an early stage probably within the next few days. It may therefore be expected that the Prime Minister, Mr. Clement Attlee, will again interrupt his vacation in North Wales to return to London as will other Ministers, at present on holiday in various parts of the country.—Reuter.

MORE WITHDRAWALS
Washington, Aug. 21.—Britain's withdrawal today of another \$150,000,000 from the Anglo-American loan and the planned withdrawal of the same amount on August 25 and August 29 will reduce the remaining credits to \$400,000,000 or a little over one-third of the total loan of \$375,000,000.

The further withdrawals, officials here said, were permitted by the United States for \$450,000,000.—Reuter.

LESS FOR TRAVELLERS
London, Aug. 21.—From Saturday (August 23) the amount of sterling notes which may be carried into or out of the United Kingdom by travellers will be reduced from £20 to £5 per head, the Treasury announced tonight.—Reuter.

MINERS' GESTURE
London, Aug. 22.—Representatives of the National Union of Mineworkers agreed during a conference on Thursday with Mr. Herbert Morrison, Mr. Bevin and other Ministers, as well as representatives of the National Coal Board to "an increase in stints when this is possible and to bring to an end all restrictive practices."

A stint is an area of coal face allotted to be cleared during one shift. Officials calling for higher production say most present stints could be cleared in seven and a half hours, the present working day in the nationalised mines.

The miners' new undertaking, expected to be explained in detail when it is submitted to a delegate conference for approval on Friday, appeared to be a partial agreement to Prime Minister Clement Attlee's request that they work an extra half hour a day as a temporary measure. A statement issued after the meeting said no agreement was reached on "conditions to be attached" to the extra work that is on the rate of overtime pay. The miners agreed, however, to discuss with the Board methods of curbing absenteeism, including possible penalties against chronic absenteeism.—Associated Press.

Rangoon Grenade Incident

Rangoon, Aug. 20.—A hand grenade was thrown at the branch headquarters of the People's Volunteer Organisation in East Rangoon tonight, but there were no casualties.

The grenade exploded ten yards from the headquarters. As a precautionary measure, the police ordered three main roads in the vicinity of Jubilee Hall, where the bodies of the assassinated Burmese leaders are lying in state, to be closed to traffic between 8 p.m. and dawn nightly until further notice.—United Press.

How Colonies Can Help Britain In Her Crisis

London, Aug. 21.—The Colonial Secretary, Mr. Arthur Creech Jones, today sent a personal message to all British colonies except Ceylon, outlining ways in which they could help in Britain's economic crisis.

Mr. Creech Jones said the colonies could: (1) Cut imports from Britain to what they could pay for out of current earnings. (2) Confine all their imports to a level below the actual earnings of their exports. (3) Increase the production of goods which the United Kingdom buys with dollars and goods which could be exported for dollars.

"The needs of the world for food and raw materials offer an unprecedented opportunity for the Colonies to develop their production and their trade on lines which, as with all soundly organized trade, will bring mutual advantage to both parties to it," the message said.—United Press.

IMMIGRATION BY PARACHUTE

Jewish Agitator's Plan

Paris, Aug. 21.—A plan to parachute young Jewish men and women immigrants into Palestine, using dozens of former service planes, was revealed by Rabbi Baruch Korff, co-chairman of the United States Political Action commission for Palestine, at a press conference here today.

New Outrages In Palestine

Jerusalem, Aug. 21.—For a change Arab terrorism caused an alert in Jerusalem today and Arab bandits in Haifa made off with \$10,000 snatched from a bank messenger. One of the bandits was caught.

In the meantime, the lull in terrorist attacks on British forces was broken when a soldier was seriously injured by an electrically detonated mine that blew up an army truck north of Nablus on a coastal road today. The detonating mechanism was found behind a brushwood screen near the roadside—a typical setup for a Jewish terrorist attack.

Another bomb went off under cover of a gasoline tank at a filling station in Haifa, causing slight damage and wounding no one.

About 1:30 p.m. in Haifa, a Jewish employee of the Ottoman Bank, Simond David Bouzage, 63, accompanied by an Arab messenger boy, was walking along a street with a brief case containing \$10,000 (Palestine currency) which he was taking to another bank for deposit.

Two armed men attacked Bouzage, snatched the brief-case and made off in a car driven by a third man.

ARMOURD CAR CHASE
A police armoured car gave chase, catching up with the bandits' car which stopped outside the city. Two men jumped out and a British constable pursued one of them on foot. The holdup man exchanged pistols until his ammunition was exhausted, when he was arrested by the constable.

He gave his name as Mohammed Jabri. The stolen car in which the bandits fled was later found in Athlit, but the money was not recovered.

Meanwhile, the Palestine Government today banned for 14 days the Arab daily newspaper, the Ad Difa (Defence) for a breach of censorship.

The Ad Difa failed to submit for censorship "an inflammatory" article on the Arab Youth movement, a Government spokesman said.

This is the longest suspension imposed on a Palestine newspaper for a censorship breach, previous bans being for seven days.

MISSION FAILS
It is reliably reported that Mahmoud Labib, a former Egyptian Army major, who was sent here by the Arab Higher Committee to organize and consolidate the Arab youth organization, left Jaffa for Cairo today, after an extension of stay in Palestine had been refused.

With Labib's departure, it is reliably reported that the consolidation of the two semi-military youth groups, the Arab Youth and the Arab Higher Committee, has failed.

Despite this, Middlesex have put together a good score, thanks to Brown with 100 not out. The close of play scores today were:

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At Cheltenham: Gloucestershire beat Glamorgan by 29 runs. Gloucestershire 172 and 138 (Barnett 62, Muncer eight for 36). Glamorgan

10 HK BUSINESSMEN FOR JAPAN

Resumption Of Trade

Names of the first 10 Hongkong companies who may be permitted to send trade representatives to Japan were made available today.

The firms are Associated China Traders, Ltd., Calbeck, MacGregor and Co., Ltd., E. Ott and Co., Ltd., Gidumal and Watumull, O. K., Ltd., H. M. H. Esmail and Sons, Scott and English, Ltd., Shewakram and Co., Sino British Engineering Co., Summerbliss Co., and Wang Kee and Co.

The 10 were selected in London from the list of 70 Hongkong companies and their names have been sent to the authorities in Japan for approval.

It usually takes at least a fortnight for credentials to be cleared, officials said, and it is unlikely that any of the Hongkong representatives will be able to leave for Japan before September.

THREE-WEEK STAY

The former enemy country was reopened to private trading on a limited scale and under SCAP control on August 15. Hongkong businessmen will join those from other countries in making trade contacts and learning what Japan has to offer world markets.

Regulations are that each trader going to Japan will be permitted 21 days in the country, after which he may be replaced from the waiting list in the country he represents. However, an extension may be granted if the quota is not filled or if rules are changed.

Hongkong had a flourishing trade with Japan before the war, and many local businessmen made frequent trips to that country. Nearly 13 per cent of the Colony's exports came from Japan in 1936, but the percentage declined markedly after that time.

Among the major Japanese products brought here prior to the war were cotton goods and yarn, silk, fish, and fish products, coal, malt liquors, boots and shoes, electric light bulbs and matches.

NO FURS OR JEWELLERY

London, Aug. 21.—British women will from now on have to go abroad without their furs or jewellery, following an order of the Board of Trade, which took effect today.

The order extends the list of valuables which travellers cannot take out of the country without an export licence to diamonds, jewels, furs, gold, platinum, silver articles, works of art and postage stamps.

Licences will not be granted for valuables taken as personal effects, so even if women passengers wear their mink-coats and pearl collars, they would be liable to seizure by customs officials.—Reuter.

Robles Leaves Paris

Lisbon, Aug. 20.—Senior Gil Robles, political adviser of the pretender, Don Juan, returned to Lisbon today by plane from Paris.—United Press.

Indonesia Situation

Big-Scale Offensive Imminent

The Hague, Aug. 22.—A high source on Thursday said, "there can be no doubt" that Dutch action in Indonesia will be resumed on a large scale "if the Security Council, in its meeting tomorrow (Friday) should refrain from ordering the Indonesian Republic to cease their present hostilities by which they violate the Council's cease fire order."

The source did not indicate what the direct objectives of new military action would be, but a move to Jogjakarta, the Republican capital, has been discussed by both the Netherlands and the Indonesians. Some political leaders expressed the opinion that resumption of military action might lead to a split in the Catholic-Labour Coalition Cabinet, possibly followed by the formation of a national emergency cabinet.

The powerful Catholic Party favours Dutch action on a large scale. The majority of the second largest Party, Labour, opposes this.

Dr. H. J. Van Mook, acting Governor-General of the East Indies, charged in Batavia that the war-time commander in the South East Asia Theatre, Marshal Count Juiichi Terachi, gave instructions to Dr. Soekarno and Mohammed Hatta, new president and Vice President of the Republican regime.

"EXCUSE IN ADVANCE"

A dispatch from Jogjakarta, Indonesian Republic Capital, said that Republican political leaders termed Van Mook's charge a "Dutch excuse in advance for resuming on a full scale the military operations technically halted by cease fire orders on August 4."

The Netherlands Army headquarters in Batavia reported Indonesian scorched earth tactics had destroyed the world's largest tea factory, the Balmungan plant in the Sianlar district of Sumatra.

In Java, the Indonesian News Agency Antara said the Republican government had secured documents which proved the Dutch had decided on military action against the Indonesians on May 20, two months before negotiations were suspended. The Agency said Dutch businessmen had agreed that speedy action would be needed to forestall scorched earth tactics by the Indonesians in Java and Sumatra.—Associated Press.

Goddard Wins Game For Gloucester

London, Aug. 21.—After an exciting day's play, Gloucestershire scored a thrilling victory over Glamorgan at Cheltenham, where the pitch upheld its reputation of being a spin bowlers' paradise.

Muncer, Glamorgan's spin bowler, dismissed the winners cheaply, taking eight wickets for 36 runs, just missing the hat-trick when he took the last three wickets in four balls, but the Gloucestershire spinner, Tom Goddard, then came into action and took eight for 61 to give his side a narrow victory.

The hat-trick was performed at Derby, where E. J. Gollard, Derbyshire's captain, took the Middlesex wickets of Edrich, Fairbairn and Robins. Despite this, Middlesex have put together a good score, thanks to Brown with 100 not out. The close of play scores today were:

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156 and 125 (Goddard eight for 61). At Eastbourne: Essex 460, Sussex 240 (Onkes 113, Peter Smith six for 84) and 43 for no wickets.

At Northampton: Nottinghamshire 219 and 309 for five declared (Keepon 53, Simpson 83, Willatt 112, Hardstaff 102 not out). Northants 158 (Jepson five for 39) and 73 for no wickets.

At Dover: Kent 208 and 273 (Davies 54, Paveon 68, Davey 54). Worcestershire 139 (Davies six for 28) and 89 for six.

At Leeds: Yorkshire 314 and 140 for six. Warwickshire 229 (Thompson 73, Doolery 94, Coxon five for 60).

At Derby: Middlesex 253 and 243 for four (Brown 100 not out). Derbyshire 228.

At Leicester: Leicestershire 454 and 101 for six. Somerset 300.—Reuter.

MOTOR RACES

Douglas, Isle of Man, Aug. 21.—F.R. Gerard, driving a super-charged ERA, won the first post-war British Empire Trophy motor race here today, and Prince Birabunga, of Siam, in a French Simca won the junior race for the Manx Cup.

Gerard covered the course of 155 miles, made up of 40 laps of just under four miles each, through

winding roads between high banks with hedges which made the corners blind, in two hours 18 minutes 52 seconds, at an average speed of 62.02 miles per hour.

P.N. Whitehead, also driving an ERA, finished second in two hours 18 minutes 35 seconds at an average speed of 67.17 mph.

The Simca prince won the Manx Cup over 48½ miles in 42 minutes 17 seconds at an average speed of 60.05 mph.—Reuter.

DAI REES WINS

Brighton, August 22.—The Welshman, Dai Rees, captured the £300 prize on Thursday in the London News Chronicle professional golf tournament with four rounds of 68-67-69-71, total 275, with all fourth round cards not yet in.

Art Harrigan appeared to have clinched second place money with a score of 280.—Associated Press.

Title Fight Sept. 19

London, Aug. 21.—The manager of Theo Medina, of France, has agreed to September 10 as the new date for Medina to defend his European heavyweight boxing title against Peter Kane, of Great Britain, at Belle Vue, Manchester.

The fight was postponed from August 20 as Kane has synovitis in both hands.—Reuter.

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The Treasure in the Thames

by CHAPMAN PINCHER

TREASURES worth thousands of pounds—among them medieval rings, bracelets and money, Roman beads and pottery and a Stone Age necklace—have been picked out of the Thames mud by Mr. Robin Green, a London antiquarian.

I joined him and his band of women helpers in a search of the mud left by the tide near Blackfriars, E.C. [Mr. Green spends most of his Sundays this way.]

In five minutes we found a silver bracelet, a Bow porcelain figure, a halfpenny dated 1669 and glass beads made in Aleppo 2,000 years ago.

When Mr. Green read in Pepys' diary that boats loaded with household goods in the Great Fire of 1666



—In the background St. Paul's.

had overturned near Southwark Bridge he searched the spot. He found bone and powder spoons, ivory-handled knives, pots, jewellery and toys.

Later he found a medieval wedding ring which could only have fitted the hand of a child wife and a ring set with many pearls. A gold button from the mud is stamped with the mystic sign of Solomon and the Tudor rose. It probably belonged to a member of the notorious Hell-Fire Club which used to practise witchcraft.

In another stretch of City mud Mr. Green found five 17th century jewellers' harps and a clay pipe with the royal sign of Charles II. on it. These puzzled him until he learned that in 1677 a ship with a cargo of jewellers' harps and clay pipes left that spot to trade with the Indians in Virginia.

Mr. Green got his first clue to the Thames treasures quite accidentally. While freighting on the river in 1931 he slipped in the mud and found he was clutching a James I. clay pipe.

In the same place he showed me hundreds of pipes left by the tide dating from Elizabethan days to the time of Queen Anne.

I have caught up with Otto —he's home again, and in jail

by JOHN DEANE POTTER

HAMBURG. OTTO BERTRAM, 31-year-old former Luftwaffe colonel, has just returned from a six-week trip to England, and is going to prison. He was in a hurry to get to his office and the tram was full, so he rode on the buffer.

This is verboten, and a German policeman took his name and he was fined 10 marks (5s.) or two days in jail. He prefers jail because, he says wryly, it does not make much difference if you are in jail or not, the way things are in Germany today.

Otto has been back from England more than a month, living in his small room furnished with heavy German furniture near the centre of Hamburg. He had a flat once, but this was requisitioned by the British.

Otto is a reporter of the German News Services. That is why he was chosen to go to Britain for six weeks to learn from us how to be a good European.

When he came back from England he was tanned and had put on two stone in weight. Now he is white-faced and thin again, like most of his countrymen.

His salary is just over 400 marks, or £10 at the fixed rate of exchange. On the black market his money for a month is worth 50 cigarettes, or about three-quarters of a pound of coffee.

Otto counts himself one of the more fortunate dwellers in this wreck of Germany's second biggest city. And whether he goes to the not, Hamburg, as the biggest city in the British zone, is Britain's responsibility.

Puzzled

FOR the past two weeks I have been studying the Germans, and a disquieting and disappointing study it is. The most puzzled people about their plight are the Germans themselves. They feel that no one seems to like them or wants to help them.

They are unconscious of the way the rest of the world regards them. The other day I went to a party with Otto, for which I provided a bottle of schnapps, and there I met a girl whom I will call Anna Schulz. She was aged 22, blonde, and unmistakably German.

After two glasses of schnapps Anna said: "You know—Otto? He is the sort of man we are most proud of in Germany—a flir. It is a pity you are not an RAF man, because I like all fliers, they are great heroes."

When Anna started to sing the Horst Wessel Song, Otto decided to leave.

Yet there is no real charm in Anna. She is just a typical dumb girl of any nation. When the war broke out she was 14, and all she knows about are uniforms and Nazism. And there are millions like her in Germany.

The police

THERE can be doubt that democracy here is creaking. One reason is that British officials generally are men who have little interest in their job because they know it is only temporary, with little future prospects.

A simple example shows our approach has been misunderstood: We have abolished the secret police, and now the white-capped German policeman walking down the streets of Hamburg models himself on the London bobby.

But the postwar gentility of the German police does not suit the German mentality. It will take them many years to get used to it. Now they regard the police as having no authority because they do not push them around. That is one reason why crime is so prevalent in Germany today.

If a citizen reports a policeman for rudeness, the policeman is forced to write an essay in his spare time on politeness.

Out of Hamburg's population of a million and a half 80,000 live among the ruins in shacks or air-raid shelters. I went into one at random—it was an air-raid shelter about the size of a suburban drawing room.

Sitting at a table made of packing cases was 40-year-old steel worker Rudolf Lipke and his family of 11, including nine-year-old twin boys.

We talked for hours, and they explained quietly and without reticence how they lived. Even with 10-year-old Anna doing a bit of needle-work, the total family income for one week is only 107 marks, and a black market loaf costs 25 marks.

At school the twins are learning nothing because the old books are forbidden and there are no new ones yet. And there is no paper to write their exercises on.

Frau Lipke told me this, and said she thought it was a terrible thing for children to grow up without education.

should disgorge occasionally but which far more often do not.

Garages have gambling machines so that you may have a quick flutter while your car's tank is being filled. The restaurants have them. The barber shops have them—and no magazines to read while waiting, thus distracting you from the joys of gambling.

Even the grocer's shop has them. In the lobbies of the hotels they stand in long lines and in the bars they compete for attention with the drinks.

If bellfruit machines are a too plebeian way of losing money for you, you may lose it faster and in larger quantities at faro. Or roulette, or several games in which dice apparently not equipped with double sixes figure prominently.

There are also card tricks of every known type and many unknown to any but the indomitable Las Vegas.

Across the street a Mexican workman was repairing a big electric sign that read:

"Las Vegas Green! Marriages arranged while you wait! Chapel provided! Licences included! All-in rates!"

Divorce? Oh, they are a little further down the street.

—Frederick Cook

The man who is most interested in what happens to families like the Lipkes is 60-year-old Max Brauer, Hamburg's burgomaster, and most remarkable citizen. When Hitler came to power he fled and spent ten years in the United States and became an American citizen.

I talked to him in his office in the Rathaus, where the old clock chimed like something from a Gothic fairy story. White-haired, upright Brauer has renounced his American citizenship and become a German again.

He said: "No one likes to be occupied—make no mistake, they do not love you—but matters are often made worse by stupid and unnecessary requisitioning by the Army. Every major who comes to Germany has a house like Buckingham Palace while Germans live six in a room—that is no way to get liked."

To run the British zone of Germany costs the British taxpayer £80,000,000 a year. A lot of that could be saved if the Germans were given more responsibility.

Hope needed

AS I end this report my mind goes back to the Lipke family. While I talked to them there was the eldest son, Enno, aged 21, who served two years in the German Army.

Every few minutes he put down his book and gazed at the dripping ceiling.

Enno is symbolic of German youth today, just lying around thinking, thinking. If they are not offered some sort of hope they may start acting. The consequences for the rest of the world could be unpleasant.

BY THE WAY

by Beachcomber

THE Strabismus rocket, in which that indefatigable savant will make his second attempt on the moon, is almost ready for a test.

tell the cod by its tail." Her mother said: "I do so think it's good propaganda for both of them. I always say."

Financial note

MANY people ask me what will happen when sterling earned abroad starts being converted. It depends. If loan-credits lying in clearing houses are unlocked at once there will be a spate of cheap money. But if the internal accounts are left unbalanced owing to forward buying, then further bills will have to be drawn on the open market, before the short-term loans can be met from the various international funds.

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Stocking-conscious

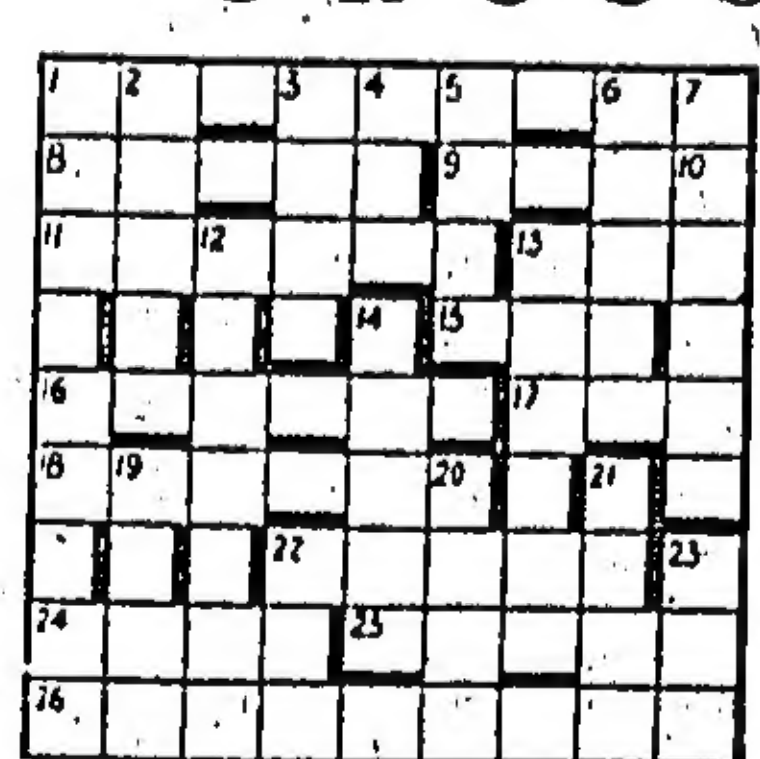
READING of a new nylon plant which will produce 375 miles of yarn a minute ("faster than sound," commented a well-known spokesman in touch with stockings) for 24 hours a day, two things occurred to me. (1) They have discovered, to no small purpose, the secret of perpetual motion. (2) If all the stockings made in a year were laid end to end, all the female centipedes in England could have little nylon socks.

• See my article in Financial Times, October 15, 1946.

Mimsie Slopconner

MEANWHILE, the exquisite Slopconner girl, caring less for Science than for an old button on a dunghop, is concentrating on her film career, and is still clambering through her documentary film about frozen Iceland cod. Her mother and father came to see her on the set the other day, and watched her handing a frozen cod to a demobilised sailor. After the scene had been shot eighteen times, her father said: "It's obvious which is Mimsie. You can

CROSSWORD



- Useful part of the cornet. (9)
- Continually nag. (10)
- Even in fairy tales boys no gem. (11)
- It's really cold below this. (4)
- They show a sailor in his natural setting. (15)
- A steward's natural direction. (10)
- Down
- Cause to atone. (10)
- It may have friendship. (15)
- Jack Horner's and. (14)
- This side is west. (13)
- Natural for a dictator to do. (4)
- Sharp. (15)
- See 1 Across. (10)
- Where a lot of money is made through people listening in the dark. (10)
- Broken tones. (15) 14. Space. (4)
- Back a small mill for the Churchillian lion. (14)
- Listened to many cattle. (14)
- Secured. (13)
- At the end of the class. (13)

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